

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Shoichi HIRANO et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1794**

Application Number: **10/564,091**

Examiner: **Altrev C. Sykes**

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For: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING A DETERGENT-FREE WASHING  
FUNCTION AND FIBER PRODUCT CAPABLE OF WASHING  
WITHOUT USING A DETERGENT**

Attorney Docket Number: **053482**

Customer Number: **38834**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008.

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